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The plant, which attains a height of five or six feet, with near the same breadth, is of far more graceful habit than the old form; with large trusses of beautifully formed flowers of dazzling whiteness, rendering this a plant of peerless beauty. It seems to thrive in various soils, and when fully exposed to the sun as well as in partial shade.

The introducer has been studying this Hydrangea carefully for three seasons, and is convinced that it is an ornamental plant of the greatest value. It is unquestionably a sport from our native *Hydrangea arborescens*, found in rocky cliffs from New York to Iowa.

The original plant is growing most thriftily, and the stock on the market has been grown from that plant, or its direct descendants. It has often withstood 30 degrees below zero or lower without injury to bud or shoot.

Those who have had it longest in cultivation call it "Everblooming," to distinguish it from *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*, which is grown in the same locality; and "American Everblooming" would be exceedingly appropriate, as well as eminently descriptive.

The profusion of bloom of this new Hydrangea is very unusual. There have been counted 100 good trusses on one plant — trusses 7½ inches in diameter and under.

The flowers, when cut, keep in good condition a long time. This feature will make the plant especially useful to florists.

*Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora* has been very popular for thirty years or more, and millions of plants have been delivered to pleased customers the world over, and sales were never larger than at the present time.

We are confident the new variety will be equally popular, for both ornamental planting and for cut flowers.

We have a large stock of plants in nursery for fall delivery.

**Strong Plants, 2 to 3 feet, $4 25 per dozen; $35 00 per 100**
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THE E. Y. TEAS CO. :: CENTERVILLE, INDIANA

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(*From the New York Weekly Florists' Exchange of August 14, 1904*)

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So he secured every morsel of it, brought it home to his garden and planted it, and he is now propagating it. In a year he expects to have a thousand plants of it and sell them at $5 a plant! I advised him to sell it in a lump to a novelty man for $1,000, but he treated my proposition with disdain. I forgot he didn't need the money. You bet, were it mine, I'd take a thousand for it, but then, you see, that's where I'm short in business, hence lean in purse, and he is long-headed in trade and full in pocket.

But this Hydrangea is a mighty fine thing. It comes into bloom the first week in June and lasts in good flower well through July, and is as hardy as a dandelion. It thrives in open sunshine or in partial shade. The wild, or typical form, is in bloom now, and in great abundance in our rocky woods.

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### PRICES

| | Doz. | 100 | 1000 |
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| 1 and 2-year plants, 15 to 20 inches | 1 50 | 10 00 | |
| Rooted layers | 1 00 | 6 00 | 50 00 |

# GLADIOLI

**America**—Conceded to be one of the finest varieties for cutting or bedding ever sent out; color, a beautiful, soft, flesh pink, orchid-like in color and texture. $1.00 per dozen; $4.00 per 100; $30.00 per 1000.

**Crimson Giant**—This has the largest flowers of any Gladiolus we have ever seen; orange scarlet in color, flowers of orchid-like form. Now first sent out. $1.50 per dozen; $10.00 per 100.

**Golden Nugget**—The brightest, glistening yellow of any, with a blotch of vivid crimson in the throat, broadly expanded flowers. $1.50 per dozen; $10.00 per 100.

**Princeps**—An especially fine variety, with immense, wide-open amaryllis-like flowers, of a rich, dazzling scarlet, marked with light yellow on the lower portion, which seems to intensify the brilliancy of the scarlet. $1.50 per dozen; $10.00 per 100.

**Alice Carey**--A Childsii seedling, the nearest pure white of any variety we know of. The flower is large, well expanded, of purest white, except a small purplish crimson throat; of great substance, and remarkable keeping qualities. It never shows any tinge of color in maturing, like Augusta does, and is the very best white obtainable. (See cut). No. 1 bulbs, $1.00 per dozen; $5.00 per 100; $40.00 per 1000.

**Klondyke**—The best light yellow Gladiolus, clear, light primrose yellow, with blotch of crimson, maroon throat. $1.00 per dozen; $6.00 per 100.

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**Strong, one-year-old plants, 15 inches and up, $2.50 per dozen, $15.00 per hundred, $140.00 per thousand.**

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We usually begin to ship plants about October 25.

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A sport from our native species, H. Cinerea, with sterile flowers, with larger and flatter heads of flowers of the purest white, than H. Arborescens Grandiflora. This is quite distinct from H. Arborescens Grandiflora in foliage, habit of growth and form of flower heads. It is endorsed as a new and valuable shrub by Alfred Rehder, Botanist at the Arnold Arboretum, Boston, Mass., who suggested the name; by Joseph Meehan, Germantown, Penn., and by others who have seen the plant growing. (See cut).

Strong, 2-year plants, 50 cents each; $3.50 per dozen; $25.00 per 100.

Smaller plants, 25 cents each; $2.00 per dozen; $15.00 per 100.

"E. Y. Teas has done so much for horticulture during his long life that it is a good thought of his to decide to name the new Hydrangea, the sport of H. Cinerea Sterilis, Teas' Snowball. It will be something to remember him by when the time comes for him to leave us, which we all hope will be many years yet.

This Hydrangea is a good thing. The writer has a plant of it, in fact the photo shown is from this plant. It is planted near one of the arborescens grandiflora, and having also near it the H. paniculata grandiflora it makes a trio of these handsome sterile-flowered kinds. And all three of these are alike in this, that they bear pruning back well in Spring, in fact they should be well cut back, the flower heads being much finer than when the bushes are left unpruned.

"The flower heads of the Teas' Snowball, though not elongated as those of the H. paniculata grandiflora, are not exactly flat, but are somewhat rounded, as will be seen in the illustration. My own record of the flowering of my specimen last season shows that the first head to perfect itself on the Teas' Snowball was on July 7, the last one August 3. When one has several plants, by transplanting one of them in Spring it is later opening its flowers; in fact, when there are several plants of a kind there may be flowers had for perhaps two months or so. There is room for all these beautiful sterile forms.—Joseph Meehan, Germantown, Philadelphia.

This illustration is from a photo of a block of 5,000 plants of the new American Ever-blooming Hydrangea, on the grounds of the E. Y. Teas Co., Centerville, Ind. The photo was taken October 15, 1907. The plants are from cuttings started in Greenhouse in Spring of 1907; planted in Nursery from the last of May to middle of June. This block was in constant bloom from the last of July until killed by frost the latter part of October, when the plants stood from 2 to 4½ feet high. **PRICES: Strong Plants, 2 to 3 feet, $4 25 per dozen, $35 per 100; Plants 15 to 20 inches, $3 50 per dozen, $25 per 100; Finely rooted plants from pots, for planting in Nursery, $8 per 100, $75 per 1,000.**

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